

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program

Purpose

National statistics estimate about 40 million Americans shoot each year, translating into at least one firearm in about half the homes in the United States. In Washington, an estimated 7 percent of the population shoots and another 1 percent uses bows and arrows. The Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program (FARR) is aimed at providing facilities for gun and bow and arrow enthusiasts to practice in a safe environment.

The Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program provides funding to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private nonprofit firearm range and archery training and practice facilities. It also funds equipment purchases, safety or environmental improvements, noise abatement, and liability protection. Priority is given to noise abatement and safety improvement projects.



Accomplishments

Since its start in 1990, \$2.5 million in firearms and archery grants have been awarded for 71 projects statewide. Grant recipients have contributed another \$3.4 million or 57 percent of the total project costs.

Where Does the Money Come From?

\$3 from each concealed pistol license fee.

Who Can Apply for a Grant?

- Local governments
 - Cities, counties
 - School districts
 - Districts
- Nonprofit shooting organizations (sport and gun clubs)
- State agencies

To qualify for funding, ranges must be open on a regular basis to law enforcement personnel, hunter safety education classes, and the general public. Grant recipients must provide 50 percent matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions for most projects and 33 percent matching funds for noise abatement or safety improvement projects.

Grant Evaluation Process

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a ten-member team of firearms and archery representatives.

Grant Recipients

Adams County

Lind Gun Club

Benton County

Tri-Cities Shooting Association Inc.

Chelan County

North Cascades Sportsmen Club

Cowlitz County

Wolverton Mountain Gun Club

Ferry County

Ferry County

Franklin County

Connell Gun Club

Grant County

City of Ephrata

Ephrata Community Development

Jefferson County

Jefferson County Sportsman's Association

King County

Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club

Interlake Sporting Association

Issaquah Sportsmen's Club

Renton Fish & Game Club Inc.

Seattle Skeet and Trap Club

West Seattle Sportsman's Club

Kitsap County

Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club

Poulsbo Sportsman Club Inc.

Kittitas County

Cascade Field and Stream Club

Ellensburg Trap & Skeet Club

Lewis County

Fire Mountain Archers



Seattle Trap Skeet Shooting Demonstration

Pend Oreille County

Metaline Falls Gun Club

Newport Gun Club

Pierce County

Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club

Skookum Archers

Sumner Sportsmen's Association

Snohomish County

Darrington Archers

Granite Falls Sportsmen's Club

Marysville Rifle Club

Seattle Rifle & Pistol Club

Tyee Bowmen

Wildlife Committee of Washington Inc.

Spokane County

Spokane Gun Club

Spokane Rifle Club Inc.

Stevens County

Fort Colville Gun Club

Whatcom County

Custer Sportsmen's Club

Whatcom County Parks & Recreation

Yakima County

Central Washington Range

Conservancy

Yakima Valley Sportsman's Association